

amendments to LB 635. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cudaback would move to amend the bill. (Cudaback amendment appears on page 1279 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, I think we all know what 635, the intent of 635 is, it is to make it the sites, to make the teleconferencing, to make the...much easier for people to attend meetings where they are instead of driving to Lincoln, where the meeting may be held. You will be able to televise and make it sites throughout Nebraska. You can use NEB, or you can use DAS. The intent of the language is in the bill to make it not only save time, travel, money for members of the state public bodies, but I think, I think it should be the intent of this bill also to make it more accessible to the public. We're not just thinking about the board members here, we're thinking about the public as well. So I think it's very important to keep that in mind, we are doing this for the public. If you live in Chadron and the...currently what's written, if a board member does not choose to use the Chadron site, then that site will not be open. What my amendment does say that this person can request for that site to be open, if it's not being utilized by some other agency. And it's a reasonable...the word reasonable is here, so they will make a reasonable request to have that site open to the public, and the public can go and be in on the conference as well as he might be at the conference site where the chairman, or whatever is...where they are located. It's just as simple as that. It's to make that site accessible to an individual without the member, board member being present. If you're in Chadron, Nebraska you should have access. And we're thinking about saving dollars, I can agree with that. This bill also thinks of the public, this amendment rather. So I would urge your support, thinking of the citizens of Nebraska way out in Scottsbluff, Chadron, North Platte, we can't all drive to Lincoln, Nebraska, we know that. This would make it accessible to everyone. I urge your support to amend LB 635. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to oppose